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SUBJECT JAMAICA SELECTED TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES ON TWO  
WORKING COMMISSIONS AFTER DECEMBER 15 OECD CONFERENCE  
IN PARIS

1. ON THEIR RETURN FROM PARIS WHERE THEY HAD ATTENDED  
MEETING OF ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT (OECD), MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND  
FOREIGN TRADE, P J PATTERSON, AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS, DUDLEY THOMPSON, STATED THAT JAMAICA HAD BEEN  
SELECTED TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES ON TWO (ENERGY AND  
DEVELOPMENT) OF FOUR OECD WORKING COMMISSION.

2. MINISTER PATTERSON EXPLAINED THAT JAMAICA ELECTED TO  
SIT ON ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS AS "THE ISLAND  
IS ONE OF THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH WORKING  
OUT A PRICING FORMULA FOR OIL WHICH WOULD NOT BE INJURIOUS  
TO THE ECONOMIES OF COUNTRIES LIKE ITSELF, BUT WHICH  
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WOULD ALSO PERMIT THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO MAXIMIZE

THEIR EARNINGS FROM THIS RESOURCE".

3. REGARDING DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID THAT JAMAICA "WAS BEING INTERNATIONALLY CLASSIFIED AS A MIDDLE-LEVEL DEVELOPING COUNTRY". HE EXPLAINED THAT MIDDLE-DEVELOPMENT IN THE RECKONING OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MEANT THAT COUNTRIES SO CLASSIFIED COULD "ECONOMICALLY STAND STILL, WHILE THE LESSER DEVELOPED ENTITIES WERE BROUGHT UP TO THEIR PARALLEL".

4. HOWEVER,. MINISTER PATTERSON SAID THAT NEITHER JAMAICA NOR MANY OF THE SO-CLASSIFIED COUNTRIES COULD ACCEPT THE SUGGESTED STANDSTILL. HE SAID "THAT WAS FOR HIGHLY DEVELOPED ECONOMIES LIKE THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND JAPAN. JAMAICA, THEREFORE, HAD A DEEP INTEREST IN THE TRANSACTIONS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE (OECD) COMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT".

5. BOTH MINISTERS SAID THE MEETING TURNED OUT SATISFACTORILY IN TERMS OF GAINS MADE. THOMPSON CAUTIONED THAT TANGIBLE RETURNS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED SO EARLY AFTER ITS ESTABLISHMENT, BUT "RESULTS THAT COULD COME FROM ITS DELIBERATIONS COULD LEAD TO THE SETTING UP OF THE NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER FOR WHICH SO MANY COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES HAD BEEN CLAMOURING". HE SAID THAT "ANYBODY WHO AT THE END OF THE RECENT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SEPTEMBER SUSTAINED HOPE ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS ORDER, CAN NOW RENEW AND EXPAND UPON THAT HOPE AS A RESULT OF THIS OECD MEETING IN PARIS". GERARD

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